

1-1 By: Parker, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Perry) H.B. No. 2291
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 7, 2015;
 1-3 May 11, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal
 1-4 Justice; May 22, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 22, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7	X			
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1-13	X			
1-14	X			

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to increasing the punishment for certain persons convicted
 1-18 of the offense of possession or promotion of child pornography.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Sections 43.26(d) and (g), Penal Code, are
 1-21 amended to read as follows:

1-22 (d) An offense under Subsection (a) is a felony of the
 1-23 second [third] degree, except that the offense is a felony of the
 1-24 first degree if it is shown on the trial of the offense that the
 1-25 person has been previously convicted one or more times of an offense
 1-26 under that subsection.

1-27 (g) An offense under Subsection (e) is a felony of the first
 1-28 [second] degree.

1-29 SECTION 2. Section 508.145, Government Code, is amended by
 1-30 adding Subsection (e-1) to read as follows:

1-31 (e-1) An inmate serving a sentence for an offense under
 1-32 Section 43.26, Penal Code, is not eligible for release on parole
 1-33 until the inmate's actual calendar time served, without
 1-34 consideration of good conduct time, equals one-half of the inmate's
 1-35 sentence.

1-36 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only
 1-37 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
 1-38 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
 1-39 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,
 1-40 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
 1-41 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the
 1-42 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred
 1-43 before that date.

1-44 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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